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LETTER REQUESTING SENDING OF REFERENCES CITED AND RESTARTING OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

on July 2, 2002, a Decision was issued GRANTING Applicants' petition of May 10, 2002 requesting reinstatement of the present application to pending status. That Decision was accompanied by the Office Action purported to have been mailed on September 18, 2001 and provided for setting of a new time period for response of three months from the mailing date of the Decision, i.e. October 2, 2002.

Upon review of the Office Action, Applicants' Representative has noted that no form PTO-892, nor any copy of the references cited in the Office Action, have been provided. Telephone requests were made July 31 and August 6, 2002 to obtain these materials, but the requested items have not been received to date.

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Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide Applicants' Representative with a new copy of the Office Action, complete with an attached form PTO-892 and copies of references cited in the Office Action (Derwent Abstr. 1995-228634, JP 07138180 and Ramsewak et al. 1999:38735), and restarting the period for response appropriately to the mailing date of the complete Office Action.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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